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Students protest for more public university funding and against austerity measures proposed by President Javier Milei, featured on the sign, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 23, 2024.

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From Front

By **N. RICCARDI**
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In a community center in East London, about 20 men gathered for their regular lunch meeting, sipping coffee and tea from mismatched mugs and engaging in an increasingly popular pastime in the world's democracies: Complaining about their government.

They feel estranged from the country's leadership — its wealthy prime minister and their members of parliament. "It feels like you are second-class people. Our MPs don't represent us people. Political leaders don't understand what we go through," said Barrie Stradling, 65. "Do they listen to people? I don't think they do."

In a coffee shop in Jakarta, Ni Wayan Suryatini, 46, bemoaned the results of the recent election, in which the son of Indonesia's former president ascended to the country's vice presidency and the opposition parties seemed to do little to stop him.

"It is difficult to trust them since they only want to reach their goals. As long as they achieve their goals, they will forget everything else," Suryatini said of politicians.

And inside her cheerfully cluttered craft shop in Greeley, Colorado, Sally Otto, 58, contemplated with dread the upcoming U.S. presidential election between President



Kenji Takada-Dill, 30, of Seattle, poses for a photo next to a drop box where voters can drop off ballots in the vote-by-mail state Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in Seattle.

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Joe Biden and the man he defeated in 2020, former President Donald Trump: "I feel like we're back where we were, with the same two poor choices," Otto said.

As half the world's population votes in elections this year, voters are in a foul mood. From South Korea to Argentina, incumbents have been ousted in election after election. In Latin America alone, leaders and their parties had lost 20 elections in a row until this past weekend's presidential election in Mexico, according to a tally by Steven Levitsky, a Harvard professor of government.

The dynamic is likely to repeat itself as the European

Union launches its legislative elections this week, where conservative populist parties are expected to register gains. EU parliamentary elections are usually an opportunity for voters in individual countries to vent their frustrations because the candidates they elect will have power in Brussels rather than their own national capitals. "In many ways we've never had it so good, objectively speaking, and yet people are so unsatisfied," said Matthias Matthijs, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C. The reasons for the dissatisfaction are many, from social media's ability to magnify

problems to the painful recovery from the coronavirus pandemic to the backlash toward economic and cultural changes sparked by globalization.

Though in places like Europe the populist right has notched several gains, there is little ideological consistency globally to the unhappiness. In a recent Pew poll across 24 democracies, a median of 74% of respondents said they didn't think politicians cared what people like them think, and 42% said no political party represented their viewpoint. "It's about economics and culture, but it's also about the functioning of politics itself,"

said Richard Wike, managing director of Pew's Global Attitudes Research. "It can lead to a situation where politics is seen as a zero-sum game. People see more of an existential threat from the other side, and that makes people unhappy about democracy."

Experts say there is one notable exception to the trend of global anger with elected leaders — places where the leaders are anti-establishment, populist strongmen.

"Antisystem outsider, populist figures are winning more than in the past," Levitsky said. "Whether they constitute any movement is unclear to me."

In Mexico, leftist President Andrés Manuel López Obrador is termed out but broke the streak of losses for Latin American leaders' parties as his hand-picked successor, Claudia Sheinbaum, won Sunday's presidential election. In Argentina, newly elected president Javier Milei, a self-described "anarcho-capitalist" dubbed "the madman" by admirers, remains popular despite the country's crippling economic problems that have persisted following his austerity and deregulation reforms.

"I was never interested in politics because nothing ever changed," said Sebastian Sproviero, a 37-year-old engineer at a Buenos Aires concert that featured Milei belting out rock anthems. "Now it has." □



Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis speaks to the media after winning the Democratic primary on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in Buckhead, Ga.

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By **KATE BRUMBACK**
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ATLANTA (AP) — An appeals court has halted the Georgia

Appeals court halts Trump's Georgia case during appeal of order allowing Willis to stay on case

election interference case against former President Donald Trump and others while it reviews the lower court judge's ruling allowing Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis to remain on the case.

The Georgia Court of Appeals' order on Wednesday prevents Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee from moving forward with pretrial motions as he had planned while the appeal is pending. While it was already unlikely that the

case would go to trial before the November general election, when Trump is expected to be the Republican nominee for president, this makes that even more certain. The appeals court on Monday docketed the appeals filed by Trump and eight others and said that "if oral argument is requested and granted" it is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 4. The court will then have until mid-March to rule, and the losing side will be able to appeal to the Georgia Supreme Court.

A spokesperson for Willis declined to comment on the appeals court ruling.

A Fulton County grand jury in August indicted Trump and 18 others, accusing them of participating in a sprawling scheme to illegally try to overturn the 2020 presidential election in Georgia. Four defendants have pleaded guilty after reaching deals with prosecutors, but Trump and the others have pleaded not guilty.

It is one of four criminal cases against Trump. □

House Speaker appoints two Trump allies to a committee overseeing U.S. spy agencies

By STEPHEN GROVES

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Speaker Mike Johnson on Wednesday appointed two far-right Republicans to the powerful House Intelligence Committee, positioning two close allies of Donald Trump who worked to overturn the 2020 presidential election on a panel that receives sensitive classified briefings and oversees the work of America's spy agencies.

The appointments of GOP Reps. Scott Perry of Pennsylvania and Ronny Jackson of Texas to the House Intelligence Committee were announced on the House floor Wednesday. Johnson, a hardline conservative from Louisiana who has aligned himself with Trump, was replacing spots on the committee that opened up after the resignations of Republican Reps. Mike Gallagher of Wisconsin and Chris Stewart of Utah.

Committee spots have typically been given to lawmakers with backgrounds in national security and who have gained respect across the aisle. But the replacements with two close allies of Trump comes as Johnson has signaled his



Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., and other Republican leaders meet with reporters to condemn former President Donald Trump's guilty conviction in a New York court last week, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

willingness to use the full force of the House to aid Trump's bid to reclaim the Oval Office. It also hands the hard-right faction of the House two coveted spots on a committee that handles the nation's secrets and holds tremendous influence over the direction of foreign policy.

Trump has long displayed adversarial and flippant views of the U.S. intelligence community, flouted

safeguards over classified information and directly berated the law enforcement agencies like the FBI. The former president faces 37 felony counts for improperly storing in his Florida estate sensitive documents on nuclear capabilities, repeatedly enlisting aides and lawyers to help him hide records demanded by investigators and cavalierly showing off a Pentagon "plan of attack" and

classified map.

Johnson did not release a statement on his picks for the committee.

Perry, who formerly chaired the ultraconservative House Freedom Caucus, was ordered by a federal judge last year to turn over more than 1,600 texts and emails to FBI agents investigating efforts to keep Trump in office after his 2020 election loss and illegally block the transfer of

power to Democrat Joe Biden.

Perry's personal cellphone was also seized by federal authorities who have explored his role in helping install an acting attorney general who would be receptive to Trump's false claims of election fraud. Perry and other conservatives have also pushed Congress to curtail a key U.S. government surveillance tool. They want to restrict the FBI's ability to use the program to search for Americans' data.

"I look forward to providing not only a fresh perspective, but conducting actual oversight - not blind obedience to some facets of our Intel Community that all too often abuse their powers, resources, and authority to spy on the American People," Perry said in a statement.

Jackson, who was elected to the House in 2020, was formerly a top White House physician under former presidents Barack Obama and Trump. Known for his over-the-top pronouncements about Trump's health, Jackson was nominated by Trump to be the secretary of Veterans Affairs. □

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Washington parental rights law criticized as a 'forced outing' measure is allowed to take effect

By GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — A new Washington state parental rights law derided by critics as a "forced outing" measure will be allowed to take effect this week after a court commissioner on Tuesday declined to issue an emergency order temporarily blocking it.

The civil liberties groups, school district, youth services organizations and others who are challenging the law did not show that it would create the kind of imminent harm necessary to warrant blocking it until a trial court judge

can consider the matter, King County Superior Court Commissioner Mark Hillman said. A hearing before the judge is scheduled for June 21.

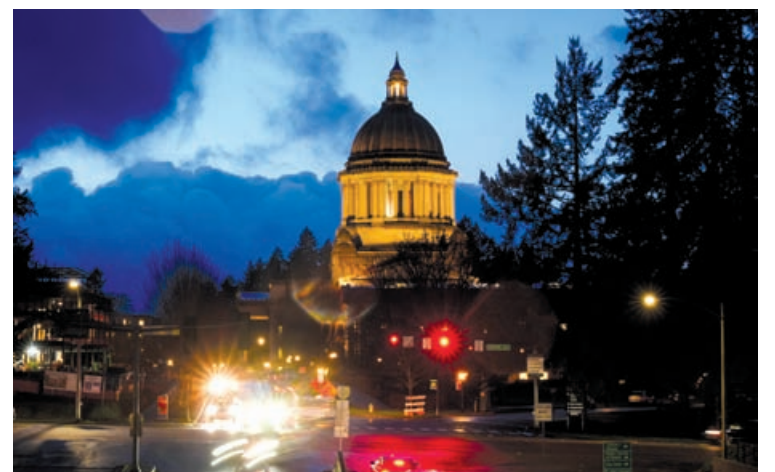
The law, known as Initiative 2081, underscores, and in some cases expands, the rights already granted to parents under state and federal law. It requires schools to notify parents in advance of medical services offered to their child, except in emergencies, and of medical treatment arranged by the school resulting in follow-up care beyond normal hours. It grants parents the right to review

their child's medical and counseling records and expands cases where parents can opt their child out of sex education. Critics say the measure could harm students who go to school clinics seeking access to birth control, referrals for reproductive services, counseling related to their gender identity or sexual orientation, or treatment or support for sexual assault or domestic violence. In many of those cases, the students do not want their parents to know, they note.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington and other groups challeng-

ing the measure say it violates the state Constitution, which requires that new

laws not revise or revoke old laws without explicitly saying so. □



The Washington state Capitol building is pictured, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, in Olympia, Wash.

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Phoenix using ice immersion to treat heatstroke victims as Southwest bakes in triple digits

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — The season's first heat wave is already baking the Southwest with triple-digit temperatures as firefighters in Phoenix — America's hottest big city — employ new tactics in hopes of saving more lives in a county that saw 645 heat-related deaths last year. Starting this season, the Phoenix Fire Department is immersing heatstroke victims in ice on the way to area hospitals. The medical technique, known as cold-water immersion, is familiar to marathon runners and military service members and has also recently been adopted by Phoenix hospitals as a go-to protocol, Fire Capt. John Prato said.

Prato demonstrated the method earlier this week outside the emergency department of Valleywise Health Medical Center in Phoenix, packing ice cubes inside an impermeable blue bag around a medical dummy representing a patient. He said the technique could dramatically lower body temperature in minutes.



Phoenix Fire Capt. John Prato demonstrates a new protocol that the fire department in America's hottest big city is adopting as the West braces for the first heat wave of the summer season, Monday, June 3, 2024, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

"Just last week, we had a critical patient that we were able to bring back before we walked through the emergency room doors," Prato said. "That's our goal — to improve patient survivability." The heatstroke treatment has

made ice and human-sized immersion bags standard equipment on all Phoenix fire department emergency vehicles. It is among measures the city adopted this year as temperatures and their human toll soar ever

higher. Phoenix for the first time is also keeping two cooling stations open overnight this season. Emergency responders in much of an area stretching from southeast California to central Arizona

are preparing for what the National Weather Service said would be "easily their hottest" weather since last September. The high forecast for Wednesday in Las Vegas was just one degree below the June 5 record high of 109 degrees Fahrenheit (42.8 Celsius) set in 2016.

"There's a very high-pressure system over the Southwest that's bringing the first heat wave of the summer to the region," said Sean Benedict, a lead meteorologist for the weather service based in Phoenix. He said in addition to Arizona, the extreme heat will bake areas of eastern California, northern California and Nevada and even parts of southern Texas over the next few days.

Excessive heat warnings were issued for Wednesday morning through Friday evening for parts of southern Nevada and Arizona, with highs in subsequent days expected to top 110 degrees F (43.3 C) in Las Vegas and Phoenix. The unseasonably hot weather was expected to spread northward and make its way into parts of the Pacific Northwest by the weekend. □

A Colorado woman who was handcuffed in a police car hit by a train receives an \$8.5M settlement

By COLLEEN SLEVIN
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado woman who was seriously injured when a freight train hit the parked police vehicle in which she sat handcuffed has reached an \$8.5 million settlement, a lawyer representing two of the involved police officers said Wednesday.

The city of Fort Lupton and nearby town of Platteville, which together employed the three officers sued in the 2022 crash, will each pay half of the settlement to Yareni Rios, said attorney Eric Ziporin. Ziporin represents the two officers who worked for Fort Lupton at the time, Jordan Steinke and Ryan Thomeczek. He declined to comment further on the agreement. Fort Lupton Police Chief William Carnes said in

a statement Tuesday that the settlement was reached to "the mutual satisfaction of the parties, recognizes the gravity of this matter, and allows all parties to move forward." Former Platteville police Sgt. Pablo Vazquez was also sued.

The Associated Press sent his attorneys an email seeking comment Wednesday. Steinke and Vazquez were both sentenced to probation in connection with the crash; Thomeczek was not charged. Rios, then 20, was pulled over by Vazquez on Sept.

16, 2022, after a road rage incident that police said at the time involved "menacing with a handgun." Shortly afterward, Steinke and then Thomeczek arrived to help, and Steinke put Rios in the back of Vazquez's patrol car. Vazquez had parked on railroad tracks, according to the lawsuit and testimony in Steinke's trial last year. Steinke testified that she did not realize where the car was parked, though the tracks and railroad crossing signs can be seen in her body camera footage. She was found guilty of reckless endangerment and assault, fired from her job and sentenced to serve 2 1/2 years of supervised probation. In comments recorded on body camera footage, Vazquez told other officers that he thought he had

cleared the tracks when he parked behind Rios. He said he was focused on her because he was concerned that she possibly had a weapon. Vazquez pleaded guilty to one count of reckless endangerment and was sentenced to a year of unsupervised probation. Rios screamed for help after seeing the train approaching, and although a door in the police car had been left open, she was not able to get out of the caged-in back seat, according to the lawsuit, which stated that she suffered serious injuries, including severe head trauma. The suit accused police of being reckless and failing to protect Rios while she was in their custody. Rios pleaded no contest to a charge of misdemeanor menacing. □



This screen grab from dash camera video provided by the Fort Lupton Police Department shows a freight train hitting a parked police car with a suspect inside, Sept. 16, 2022, in Fort Lupton, Colo.

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The first Black leader of Wales loses a no-confidence vote but says he won't resign

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The first minister of Wales, Vaughan Gething, lost a no-confidence vote in the Welsh parliament on Wednesday, less than three months after he made history as the first Black leader of a government in the U.K.

The opposition Conservatives called the nonbinding vote in Gething, who heads Wales' semi-autonomous administration, after weeks of criticism of his leadership and judgment in accepting a contentious campaign donation.

The result — a vote of 29-27 against the leader — was a blow to Gething, but he said he wouldn't resign.

"I have nothing to hide," he told lawmakers in Wales' parliament, or Senedd, before the vote.

"I will continue to put Wales first — first in thought and deed and ambition as I serve and lead my country," he added.

Gething's Labour Party holds 30 of the 60 Senedd seats, and two Labour lawmakers were out sick on



First Minister of Wales Vaughan Gething speaks at the launch of Labour's six steps for change in Wales at the Priory Centre in Abergavenny, Wales, Thursday, May 30, 2024, while on the General Election campaign trail.

Associated Press

Wednesday, ensuring the no-confidence vote would pass. Labour has relied on support from the Welsh nationalist party Plaid Cymru to win votes, but the parties' cooperation arrangement collapsed last month. Gething, the son of a Welsh father and a Zam-

bian mother, made history in March when he was elected to head the Cardiff-based administration. He said at the time that it was "a matter of pride for a modern Wales but also a daunting responsibility for me and one that I do not take lightly."

During his election campaign he faced criticism for accepting 200,000 pounds (\$255,000) in donations from a recycling company whose owner had been found guilty of environmental offenses and breaching health and safety regulations. Another company

with the same owner was given a loan by the government-owned Development Bank of Wales in 2023 when Gething was economy minister.

Gething has denied wrongdoing and said the donations were properly declared under electoral rules.

"I have never, ever made a decision, in more than a decade as a minister, for personal or financial gain," Gething said Wednesday. But the issue has not subsided.

Plaid Cymru leader Rhun ap Iorwerth cited the donations as a reason for ending his party's agreement with Labour.

Ap Iorwerth said that Gething's "lack of judgment and contrition, along with a bunker mentality ... do not demonstrate the required skills set for the office holder of first minister."

But Gething revealed bad blood within Welsh Labour when he fired government minister Hannah Blythyn for allegedly leaking private phone messages to the media. □

U.N. migration and refugee agencies cite 'fundamental' right to asylum after U.S. moves to restrict it

By JAMEY KEATEN and
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Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — The U.N.'s migration and refugee agencies expressed concern over Biden administration plans for new asylum restrictions in the United States and said the right to asylum is fundamental.

President Joe Biden on Tuesday unveiled plans to enact immediate significant restrictions on migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border as the White House tries to neutralize immigration as a political liability ahead of the November elections.

The move would bar migrants from being granted asylum when officials deem that the southern

border with Mexico is overwhelmed. It comes after the collapse months ago of a bipartisan border security deal in Congress that most Republican lawmakers rejected at the behest of former President Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

Refugee agency UNHCR urged the U.S. to "reconsider restrictions that undermine the fundamental right to seek asylum."

"The new measures will deny access to asylum for many individuals who are in need of international protection, and who may now find themselves without a viable option for seeking safety and even at risk of refoulement," it said

in a statement issued late Tuesday, referring to a term for turning people back to places where they could face persecution.

"Any person who claims to have a well-founded fear of being persecuted in their country of origin must have access to safe territory and have this claim assessed before being subject to deportation or removal," the agency added.

The U.N.'s International Organization for Migration, which is run by Amy Pope, a former senior adviser on migration for Biden, was more muted.

"IOM acknowledges the challenges posed by the increasing irregular crossings of migrants at the United States-Mexico border," the

organization said in a statement emailed to The Associated Press. "It is crucial that any measures taken to manage migration respect

the fundamental right to seek asylum, as well as to strengthen safe and regular migration pathways." □



Chinese migrants wait to be processed after crossing the border with Mexico on May 8, 2024, near Jacumba Hot Springs, Calif.

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Amanda Knox reconvicted of slander in Italy for accusing innocent man in roommate's 2007 murder

By COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

FLORENCE, Italy (AP) — An Italian court reconvicted Amanda Knox of slander Wednesday, quashing her hope of removing a legal stain against her that has persisted after her exoneration in the brutal 2007 murder of her British roommate while the two were exchange students in Italy.

The decision by a Florence appeals court panel marked the sixth time that an Italian court found Knox had wrongly blamed the killing on an innocent man, the Congolese owner of the bar where she worked part time.

Knox has argued that her statements to police were forced during an intense night of questioning that included bullying as she relied on her then-remedial Italian when she was a 20-year-old university student.

The panel of two judges and six jurors, however, confirmed the three-year sentence, which she already served during four years in Italian custody while the investigation and multiple trials ensued. The court's reasoning will be released in 60 days.

Knox's appearance Wednesday in Florence, in a bid to clear her name "once and for all," was the first time she had returned to an Italian court since she was freed in 2011. Accompanied by her husband, Christopher Robinson, she showed no visible emotion as the verdict was read aloud.



Amanda Knox arrives at the Florence courtroom in Florence, Italy, Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Associated Press

But her lawyer, Carlo Dalla Vedova, said shortly afterward that "Amanda is very embittered."

"We are all very surprised at the outcome of the decision," Dalla Vedova said outside the courtroom. He added that Knox had expected an acquittal would put a cap on nearly 17 years of judicial proceedings.

Another defense lawyer, Luca Luparia Donati, said they expected to appeal to Italy's highest court.

Knox's new trial was set in motion after a European court ruling that said Italy violated her human rights during overnight questioning days after Kercher's murder, deprived of both a lawyer and a competent translator.

Addressing the Florence court in a soft and sometimes breaking voice, Knox said that she wrongly accused Patrick Lumumba under intense police pressure.

"I am very sorry that I was not strong enough to resist the pressure of police," Knox read in Italian from a prepared statement, addressing the panel from the jury bench. She told them: "I didn't know who the murderer was. I had no way to know."

The slaying of 21-year-old Meredith Kercher in the idyllic hilltop town of Perugia fueled global headlines as suspicion fell on Knox, a 20-year-old exchange student from Seattle, and her new Italian boyfriend of just a week, Raffaele Sollecito.

Flip-flop verdicts over nearly eight years of legal proceedings polarized trial watchers on both sides of the Atlantic as the case became one of the first trials by social media, then in its infancy.

All these years later, the intensity of media interest remained, with photographers massing around Knox, her husband and her legal team as they entered the courthouse about an hour before the hearing. A camera knocked her on the left temple, her lawyer Luparia Donati said. Knox's husband examined a small bump on her temple as they sat in the front row of the court.

Despite Knox's exoneration and the conviction of an Ivorian man whose footprints and DNA were found at the

scene, doubts about her role persisted, particularly in Italy. That is largely due to the accusation she made against Lumumba.

Lumumba's lawyer, Carlo Pacelli, told reporters that the accusation branded him across the world, and his business in Perugia floundered. He has since re-established himself in his wife's native Poland.

"Patrick has always been dutiful to all of the court decisions, and all the courts up until today have affirmed that Amanda Knox was a slanderer," Pacelli said.

Knox is now a 36-year-old mother of two small children who advocates for criminal justice reform and campaigns against wrongful convictions. She was freed in October 2011, after four years in jail, by a Perugia appeals court that overturned the initial guilty verdict in the murder case against both Knox and Sollecito.

She remained in the United States through two more flip-flop verdicts before Italy's highest court definitively exonerated the pair of the murder in March 2015, stating flatly that they had not committed the crime.

In the fall, Italy's highest Cassation Court threw out the slander conviction that had withstood five trials, ordering a new trial, thanks to a 2022 Italian judicial reform allowing cases that have reached a definitive verdict to be re-opened if human rights violations are found. □



People stand on the Stone Bridge in the old town and watch the floods on the Danube, in Regensburg, Germany, Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Associated Press

Death toll from floods across southern Germany rises to 6

BERLIN (AP) — The death toll from floods across a large part of southern Germany rose to six on Wednesday as police recovered the body of a woman missing since the weekend from a canal in Bavaria.

The 79-year-old failed to return home after being seen on a bicycle in Jettingen-Scheppach, near the city of Augsburg, on Sunday. A local resident spotted her body in a canal on Wednesday, police said.

Persistent heavy rain led to widespread flooding over the weekend. While the situation has now eased in southwestern Germany, water levels are only gradually beginning to recede along the Danube in eastern Bavaria.

The bodies of four people who died in the floods were found Sunday and Monday, three of them in inundated basements. Police reported a fifth victim, a driver whose body was recovered from a submerged car, on Tuesday. □

Planning on snorkeling? Get to know our “Dorado”

(Oranjestad)—If you're ever planning on snorkeling during your vacation on Aruba, you may spot fish that you can't recognize. One of these may be the “Dorado”, a common fish that swims all year long in the waters of Aruba. Here's some information about the beloved Dorado.

Dorado has many different names it can be referred to. Dral, Dorao, Drals, Drado, are some of them in Papiamentu. In English, it is also called Mahi Mahi, Dolphinfish, or Dorado. It's a good example to reflect on why there can be many names. The same fish becomes known by different common names, why? Common names come only when a group of people, to understand each other, assign a name to a fish. Mahi Mahi, for example, comes from Hawaii and means “very strong”. Dorado is based on Spanish and refers to the golden yellow color that the fish shines with under the sun. Why it's called Dolphinfish in English is not well defined and



while there are several stories around this, none have been confirmed.

Dorado is found in all tropical to subtropical oceans around the world. Dorado is very popular both for recreational fishing and for consumption. It is known among fishermen as an exciting catch

and a fish that puts up a good fight. Its meat is very good for consumption and it is also commercially fished for that reason.

They grow very fast, up to 2.7 inches (almost 7 cm) per week. They can live up to a maximum of 5 years although very few reach that age. Most

become adults within 1 year but many become reproductive after just 5 or 6 months and reproduce very quickly too. They live in open water on the surface most of the time. Many fish seek them around sushi lines or floating objects on the sea. Often you will find a group landing together and if you keep a male on the

line, often the others will stay close or can keep the group interested by giving shrimp or squid.

Description:

Dorado has a distinctive body. It has a large tail and its long, flat body ends in a large blunt head. Its color of yellow and green or blue makes it immediately recognizable, even with small variations in these colors.

Dorado has clear differences between adult females and males. The male is larger and can easily reach 50 to 80 pounds and has a much flatter head compared to the female. Therefore, male Dorados are also called “bull Dorado”.

Dorado can be found in our waters around the island all year round, but there are periods when it is easier to find than others. □

Source: The Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (Santa Rosa).

Ever heard of the cah'i orgel? A key instrument in Aruban folklore music

(Oranjestad)—The cah'i orgel music box is an important and unique instrument that is used on the ABC islands in the Dutch Caribbean. This instrument is a staple in our folklore music, and its significance in the traditions of Aruba has and continues to bring together the old and young.

The origin of the cah'i orgel is said to have come from Europe around 150 years ago. A cross breed between the barrel piano and the organ, the most popular stories said that the instrument came from either England or Germany, but made its way to Italy down to Venezuela, where in 1881, Mr. Horatio Sprock (1866-1949) from Curacao was first introduced to it. After that, Sprock made his own cah'i orgel “Josefina”, and successfully debuted it on the streets of Barqui-

simeto. Back in Curacao, he started his own cah'i orgel business along with his brother Luis. In Aruba, it is said that the cah'i orgel was introduced by Rufo Wever, who later in his career became one of the composers for the Aruban national anthem.

Rufo Wever was a young musician in 1937 when he established his own cah'i orgel business on the island. Before that he experimented with his uncle's cah'i orgel, and he over the years he learned to build and repair the instrument. In fact, he was incredibly skilled in this, and he was one of the few to have recognized from the start that the cah'i orgel is an instrument that needs preserving.

As mentioned, the cah'i orgel is a music box, made from mahogany wood, it

contains a cylinder with a maximum of eight music pieces. By rotating the lever on the front side of the box, the cah'i orgel produces music similar to that of a piano, and is accompanied often by someone else playing the “wiri”, a percussion instrument made out of steel and reminiscent to the Spanish guiro. Back then, you would often also find someone playing the triangle alongside the cah'i orgel and wiri. In Aruba, the cah'i orgel and wiri is used for traditional music genres, such as the Aruban waltz, tumba, mazurka and more.

Fun fact: another name for the cah'i orgel is the “tingilingi box.” □

Source: “E Cilinder Magico entre Aruba y Curaçao” by Marilyn Alcalá-Wallé, Herta Parabirsing-Balentina and Nidia Rosaria-Wallé.



Papillon: The butterfly effect of magnificent food



PALM BEACH — Do you remember the film “Papillon” starring Steve McQueen? Papillon restaurant is the island’s example where ‘life imitates art.’ The décor, especially the restrooms, was inspired by the movie. For more than a decade this restaurant has built a reputation with the fusion of classic French cuisine, Dutch and Caribbean flavors. Welcome in the world of wonders where ambiance, taste and service come together and you feel you are being welcomed in the home of the owner and her team.

“We find it really important that our guests have fun; can relax while listening to live music while their taste buds are being tickled by France, The Netherlands and the Caribbean. We offer a unique fusion of dishes and a night not to forget,” says owner Tina. As our special guest you can choose to dine inside our heartwarming airconditioned restaurant or we also offer outside dining on a cozy, elegant terrace with great ambiance of the surroundings. Perfect setting for an enjoyable time people watching while sipping on a delicious cocktail.

Fresh oysters, caviar and wild boar

You are on vacation, life is to enjoy! If you want something special, a different flow than the usual, then Papillon is the place to go. Foodies are in heaven here with classic French dishes such as Foie Gras, Frog Legs, fresh Oysters coming in on a weekly basis from Holland, Es-



cargots, Dover Sole à la Meunière flown in from Europe and filleted at the table, Duck Breast seared on the skin, roasted and braised Lamb in Balashi beer and slow braised Wild Boar Shank. Do not leave without trying the exclusive recommendation: Caviar! All of this combined with an extensive wine list from around the world makes Papillon a must-do on your Aruban vacation.

Let the music play!

Another reason to visit us is our Live Entertainment Schedule all through the week.

Get all cozy and warmed up on Sundays and Mondays by Marisella and her



enchanting acoustic tunes accompanied by percussion only.

On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Jairo will give you a real Saxophone treat while on Wednesday you can sit back, relax and enjoy your dinner while DJ Jason brings you the most smooth jazz and lounge music for a dreamy night.

The musicians interact with the guests & requests can be sent in.

The live tunes definitely add to the experience.

Vegetarian vibes present

Impressive vegetarian/vegan dishes are set up especially for the guests by the chef and Meredith from Vegan Aruba. “We offer vegan choices that are really good and tasty. Our daily soup is always vegan too”. What are you waiting for, make sure to pay a visit to this elegant yet laid-back restaurant while on Aruba. You are most welcome!

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One Love Foundation Inc. And Aruba Ray's Comedy support Stimami Sterilisami live from New York City and raise over \$23,000 for sterilization efforts

One Love Foundation and Ray Ellin of Aruba Ray's Comedy brought a phenomenal comedy event to New York City with their "Paws-itively Hilarious" fundraiser to support our furry friends.

On Sunday June 2, the evening was filled with laughter as comedians Brian Scott McFadden, Tony V, Katie Hannigan and Tom Cotter took the stage, cracking jokes and spreading awareness, all while supporting an important cause. Ray Ellin served as the master of ceremonies. Proceeds from this event were dedicated to One Love Founda-

tion Inc., a non-profit organization committed to spaying and neutering initiatives. Every uproarious moment of laughter from the energetic crowd contributed to animal welfare on the island.

But the generosity doesn't stop there. All proceeds received by One Love Foundation from the comedy show will go directly to Stimami Sterilisami AND matched dollar for dollar by the Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort in Aruba. Together, they're doubling the impact, ensuring that every dollar raised goes even further in making a difference.

With the generous match, over \$23,000 was raised for the initiative!

Ray, also known as Aruba Ray, first came to Aruba in 2012, and started the incredibly popular Aruba Ray's Comedy Shows in 2013. He has joined the One Love Foundation Fundraising Advisory Board to help spread their mission far and wide. Ray plans to bring laughter and innovation to future fundraising endeavors! "I love the work that One Love does for the island. It's important, it's meaningful, and raising money to help animals is a great excuse to

put on a show!" -Ray Ellin. Stimami Sterilisami is a groundbreaking pet welfare initiative founded by Bucuti & Tara. Dedicated to controlling the island's stray animal population through affordable spaying and neutering, this compassionate program has already transformed more than 36,500 lives since late 2015.

Discover how Stimami Sterilisami is pioneering a better future for animals and people, and learn how you can make a life-changing difference by visiting them at www.stimamisterilisami.com @stimamisterilisami

The mission of One Love Foundation Inc. is to help change the lives of Aruba's street animals by generating funds, raising awareness, and educating people on the importance of sterilization www.onelovefoundationinc.com @onelovefoundationinc

Ray Ellin is the founder of Aruba Ray's Comedy Club in Aruba, and host of the new podcast "Wild Nights on the Prairie." He is a producer, host, comedian, and writer and believes strongly in giving back. His list of accomplishments is endless! www.rayellin.com, @raycomedy. □

Meet our Aruban trailblazers: Padu Lampe

(Oranjestad)—This week we remember one of our most beloved Aruban giant, Juan Chabaya Lampe—better known as Padu Lampe or Padu del Caribe. As one of the most important and renowned artists in the Aruban cultural sphere, Padu's long career led him to be honored today as "the father of culture."

On April 26th, 1920, Juan Chabaya Lampe "Padu Lampe/Padu del Caribe" was born in Nassaustraat, Oranjestad. He grew up in a happy musical environment, and it is because of this that he developed a love for music. Starting from the age of 12, he was agile in the clarinet, mandolin and cuatro. Henry Lampe, his father, was also a well-known pianist and musician.

In a publication of the informative seminar, "Observer", from August 1st, 1962, Padu's many merits and friendly personality stood out. It was said that he was an excellent pianist with a personal style and full of surprises. Secondly, though the composer was

not too familiar with music theory, he showed innovations in his compositions. Lastly, Padu was a promoter of Creole music around the world. One of the most important moments in Aruban history, in which he was able to witness first-hand, was the first radio broadcast on the island on March 20th, 1954. Here, he was accompanied by Antillean guitarist Julian Coco and Hubert "Loi" Booi. In the art world, Padu was also a known painter. During his youth, he made several paintings using his unique style. In 1939, he participated in an art exhibit in New York, where he won a bronze medal for his painting "Typical View of Aruba."

Padu remained a popular artist within the Dutch Antilles and the Caribbean as a pianist, singer, author and painter. Padu Lampe was a local artist who became renowned in Venezuela, Colombia, The U.S. and The Netherlands too. In the 1950s, he sold no less than 50 thousand copies of his long-playing albums (LPs).

Padu Lampe was a multifaceted artist,

inspired by his interest in parapsychology and supernatural phenomenon. He wrote three books in Papiamentu on the subject in 1986, which was published by the Aruban National Printing Press with sponsorship provided by the Prince Bernhard Funds Netherlands Antilles.

Besides that, Padu passed his exam on "Society to Advanced Ethical Hypnosis" in 1964 in New Jersey. He received a certificate as a hypnotechnician, which gave him the authority to practice hypnosis in some states. Over the course of his career, he received many accolades and awards in Aruba, Curacao, Venezuela and the Netherlands.

Padu del Caribe passed away on November 29th, 2019, at the age of 99 years old. Padu brought the Aruban culture around the world. His legacy will remain ingrained in the Aruban cultural history, and he will be known forever as one of the most influential trailblazers of our community.

Padu will always be in Aruba's heart,



because he had composed various special songs dedicated to the mothers of the island; his song "Sonrisa di un baby" ("A baby's Smile") has been written in three different languages. Padu also wrote our national anthem "Aruba Dushi Tera", along with Mr. Rufo Wever. This song was approved by the government of Aruba and was named the official anthem of the island in 1976.

Other songs that have been considered as being almost a second anthem for Arubans is the special composition he wrote for his wife Daisy Croes called "Abo so". Daisy later passed away in 1994. □

Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a "must see" landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the "T" junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you

are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor

Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the "fluke" or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you

think it might be!)

Story 1:

"According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain."

Story 2:

"Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lift-

ed another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them."

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba; Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The "anchor", which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option.

Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated "To All Seamen" on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated "To All Seamen" in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. ☐



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

Fruit Loose & Veggie Boost: Aruban fruits and vegetables

Fresh fruits make a tropical holiday's picture complete. Whether you see the mangoes hanging in the trees or the fresh fruit cocktail on the side table of your pool bed, the link is there: you are in the tropics. Aruba grows her own fruits and veggies and there are some pretty out-of-space local species you may never had heard of, but really healthy and delicious.

Mispel

This is a fruit with a character (5-10 cm/2-4 inches). It does not ripe until it is picked or falls off the tree. Mispel is hard with a sandpaper like texture when immature, soft and juicy when ripe. It's technically a berry, but contains a skin similar to that of a kiwi. It's grainy and sweet, with a light, musky flavor. The sap or gum from the tree is also a source of 'chicle' the original ingredient used to make chewing gum. Rich in tannins, antioxidants shown to contain anti-inflammatory compounds, and vitamin C, essential for healthy immune function. Season: year-round.

Kenepa



Ovoid green fruit that grows in bunches on trees up to 30m high. The fruit is related to the lychee and have tight, thin but rigid skins. Inside the skin is the tart, tangy, or sweet pulp of the fruit covering a large seed. The pulp is usually cream or orange colored. Kenepa strengthens the immune system, and prevents the reproduction of bacteria and viruses in the body. This fruit is highly recommended to treat lung infections and urinary tract infections. It also helps to cure insomnia and rejuvenates the nervous system. Season: the fruit typically ripen during the summer.

Druif



There is no chance you did not bump into one of the sea grape trees while spending your vacation on Aruba. The sea grape plant is often used in ocean-side landscaping in sandy soil right on the beach and it produces clusters of

fruit that resemble grapes. Are sea grapes edible? Yes, they are. Animals enjoy sea grapes and humans can eat them as well, and they are used to make jam. They contain very low calories and sugar, enabling good bacterium to digest food and excrete waste quickly which is effective in preventing constipation. Season: Sep-Oct.

Shimarucu



Maybe Aruba's most popular wild fruit tree. You may have noticed cars at the side of the road and people picking those red berries. Well, that's Shimarucu. The local habit to stop for these delicious fruits goes from generation to generation. Its fruit's degree of sour depends on the amount of rain it gets. Red Shimarucus tend to taste better than orange. The fruit has super power: a true vitamin bomb. Adults only need to eat 3-4 of these berries to meet their daily recommended amount of Vitamin C. Season: Rainy months (Oct-Jan).

Tamarind



A delicious, sweet fruit that has a wide variety of uses and applications, both for medicinal and culinary purposes. It is a medium-sized bushy tree with evergreen leaves and fruit that develops in pods characterized by long, brown shells. Inside is a sticky, fleshy, juicy pulp, which is the Tamarind fruit. Both sweet and sour in taste, the fruit contains a significant level of vitamin C, as well as vitamin E, B vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorous, potassium, manganese, and dietary fiber. There are also a number of organic compounds that make tamarind a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent. Season: March.

When it comes to veggies the island certainly offers a home-grown selection. They taste delicious and have their specific talents to boost your immune system. Start the day with a 'batida' (smoothie) enriched with a local veggie touch or select your restaurant that offers local vegetable dishes to get the real pure taste of it.

Comcomber chiquito



This is a sort of local squash, but looks like a cucumber with prickly skin. The taste however is bitterer than the cucumber and the vegetable is smaller in size but bigger in width. Inside is a soft, fleshy pulp and seeds, just like the cucumber. Comcomber chiquito is grown in the island and used in salads and 'stoba' (stew) or on its own in vinegar. The veggie contains multiple B vitamins, including vitamin B1, vitamin B5, and vitamin B7 (biotin). B vitamins are known to help ease feelings of anxiety and buffer some of the damaging effects of stress. Additionally this veggie is rich in two of the most basic elements needed for healthy digestion: water and fiber. Season: year-round.

Yambo

Family of Okra, also known as 'lady's fingers': a green flowering plant. Okra belongs to the same plant family as hibiscus and cotton. A classic favorite dish in Aruba is Sopi di yambo. It has long been favored as a food for the health-conscious. It contains potassium, vitamin B, vitamin C, folic acid, and calcium. It's low in calories and has a high dietary fiber content. Recently, a new benefit of including okra in your diet is being considered. Okra has been suggested to help manage blood sugar in cases of type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes. Season: year-round.

Bonch'i Cunucu

A long, small bean, boiled for a side dish or snack. Long beans have a chewy, crunchy texture—more so than snap beans—and a flavor reminiscent of the dry navy bean or asparagus. Besides stir-fry, soups and salads, the long bean is a good choice for stewing, braising (to remain chewy and firm), sautéing, shallow frying, and deep frying. With cooking, the long bean's bean flavor intensifies. Long beans are low in calories, about 45 calories per cup, and rich in vitamin A and also contain vitamin C and potassium. Season: year-round.

Pampuna

In the endless summer of Caribbean living we only have to concern ourselves with a wet season and a dry season. Still we do indulge heavily in the pleasures of pumpkin and enjoy Caribbean pumpkin recipes year round. A popular dish in Aruban restaurants is Sopa Di Pampuna, don't miss it. This dish is made of pumpkin soup, and parsley. Pumpkins are rich in flavonoid polyphenolic antioxidants such as xanthin, lutein and carotenes and also contain vitamins. Pumpkin seeds are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins, minerals and proteins. Pumpkins are used to make desserts, breads and soups. □

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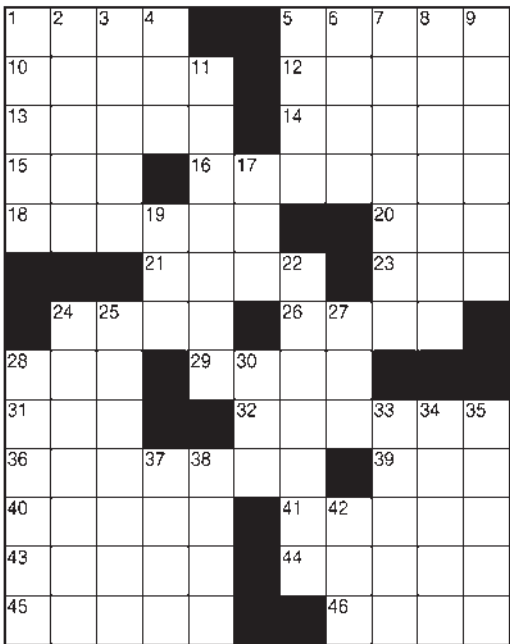
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6-6 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I HOPE YOU LOVE BIRDS TOO. IT IS ECONOMICAL. IT SAVES GOING TO HEAVEN — EMILY DICKINSON

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		RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS	09.00	21.00	C	1
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TUE	25	CARNIVAL HORIZON	09.00	22.00	C	1

Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic—but important—information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Electrical power



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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Boeing launches NASA astronauts for the first time after years of delays



Boeing's Starliner capsule, atop an Atlas V rocket, lifts off from launch pad at Space Launch Complex 41 Wednesday, June 5, 2024, in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Associated Press

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — Boeing launched astronauts for the first time Wednesday, belatedly joining SpaceX as a second taxi service for NASA. A pair of NASA test pilots blasted off aboard Boeing's Starliner capsule for the International Space Station, the first to fly the new spacecraft.

The trip by Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams was expected to take 25 hours, with an arrival Thursday. They will spend just over a week at the orbiting lab before climbing back into Starliner for a remote desert touchdown in the western U.S. on June 14.

"Let's get going!" Wilmore called out a few minutes before liftoff.

Half an hour later, he and Williams were safely in orbit and giving chase to the space station. Back at Cape Canaveral, the relieved launch controllers stood and applauded. After all the trouble leading up to Wednesday's launch, including two scrapped countdowns, everything went smoothly before and during liftoff, prompting congratulations from SpaceX's Elon Musk and others.

"Today it all lined up," said

Boeing program manager Mark Nappi.

Years late because of spacecraft flaws, Starliner's crew debut comes as the company struggles with unrelated safety issues on its airplane side.

Wilmore and Williams retired Navy captains and former space station residents stressed repeatedly before the launch that they had full confidence in Boeing's ability to get it right with this test flight. Crippled by bad software, Starliner's initial test flight in 2019 without a crew had to be repeated before NASA would let its as-

tronauts strap in. The 2022 do-over went much better, but parachute problems later cropped up and flammable tape had to be removed from the capsule. Wednesday's launch was the third attempt with astronauts since early May, coming after a pair of rocket-related problems, most recently last weekend. A small helium leak in the spacecraft's propulsion system also caused delays, but remained extremely low and manageable.

"It's just a tough endeavor to get to flight and huge kudos to the entire team for getting there," said Steve

Stich, NASA's commercial crew program manager. Boeing was hired alongside Elon Musk's SpaceX a decade ago to ferry NASA's astronauts to and from the space station. The space agency wanted two competing U.S. companies for the job in the wake of the space shuttles' retirement, paying \$4.2 billion to Boeing and just over half that to SpaceX, which refashioned the capsule it was using to deliver station supplies. □

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How 'Eruption,' the new Michael Crichton novel completed with James Patterson's help, was created

By ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

When "Jurassic Park" author Michael Crichton died from cancer in 2008, he left behind numerous unfinished projects, including a manuscript he began 20 years ago about the imminent eruption of Mauna Loa, the world's largest active volcano.

Crichton's widow Sherri, who is CEO of CrichtonSun, tapped another millions-selling author James Patterson to complete the story. "Eruption" is now in stores.

Patterson is very familiar with co-authoring. In recent years he's published a novel with Bill Clinton and Dolly Parton, and often shares writing responsibilities on his other novels.

For "Eruption," Crichton says she gave Patterson all of her husband's research and he came back with an outline. Some of the story needed to be brought forward to present day. "We talked probably every few weeks," Sherri Crichton says. "It was so much fun to read. It would be hard to tell what was Crichton and what's Patterson's."



Sherri Crichton poses for a portrait on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in Los Angeles to promote "Eruption," a book by her late husband Michael Crichton, co-authored by James Patterson.

Associated Press

Besides "Eruption," four novels have been published under Michael Crichton's name since his death, some with the help of other writers. Sherri Crichton says to expect "other Michael Crichton adventures" in the future.

Crichton spoke with The Associated Press about her husband's legacy. Answers

have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: You've worked hard to preserve Michael's archive. Why is that important to you?

CRICHTON: When Michael died I was pregnant with our son. I was like, "How am I going to raise our son with him not knowing his father?" So I had to go searching for

Michael, and I found him through his papers, which is so remarkable. It gives me so much joy to bring things like "Eruption" to life, because it really does allow John Michael the opportunity to really know his father. That's why I do what I do. It's for the love of him and Michael's daughter Taylor.

AP: What did you discover from those papers?

CRICHTON: Michael had structure and discipline. He was constantly moving all of his projects around. When he wrote "Jurassic Park" he was also writing four or five other books at the exact same time. He charted everything. How many words he wrote in a day, how many pages, how did that compare to other days, how long it took. Then he would have different charts that would compare what one book was doing compared to, say, for instance, "Fear" or "Disclosure." Then he would have another chart that would track the amount of time it would take to publication, the amount of time it took to sell the movie rights, then for the movie to be released.

AP: Sometimes when people are so cerebral, they struggle socially. Did Michael?

CRICHTON: The person I knew was this incredibly kind, loving, humble, wonderful man that was a great father and incredible husband and fun to be around. □

YouTube toughens policy on gun videos and youth; critics say proof will be in enforcement

By DAVID KLEPPER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — YouTube is changing its policies about firearm videos in an effort to keep potentially dangerous content from reaching underage users. The video sharing platform owned by Google said Wednesday it will prohibit any videos demonstrating how to remove firearm safety devices. In addition, videos showing homemade guns, automatic weapons and certain firearm accessories like silencers will be restricted to users 18 and older.

The changes take effect June 18 and come after gun safety advocates have

repeatedly called on the platform to do more to ensure gun videos aren't making their way to the site's youngest users, potentially traumatizing children or

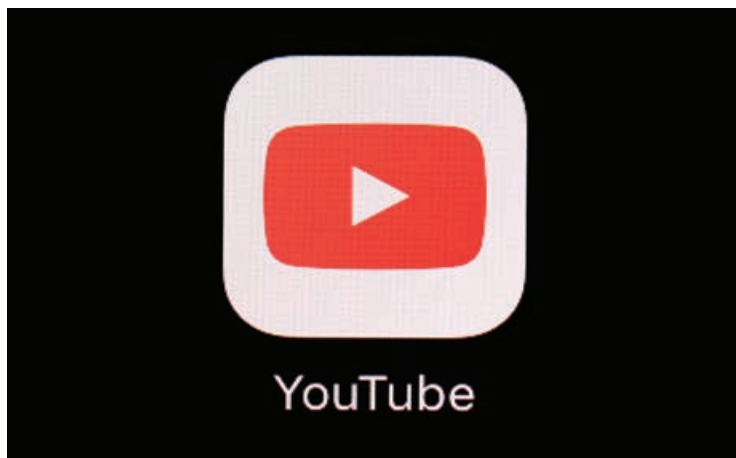
sending them down dark paths of extremism and violence. Katie Paul, director of the Tech Transparency Project, said the change was welcome news and a

step in the right direction. But she questioned why the platform took so long to issue a new policy, and said her group will look to see how effectively YouTube enforces its new rule.

"Firearms are the number one cause of death for children and teens in America," said Paul, whose group has long sought stronger age controls on online gun videos. "As always with YouTube, the real proof of change is whether the company enforces the policies it has on the books. Until YouTube takes real action to prevent videos about guns and gun violence from reaching minors, its policies remain

empty words."

Last year, researchers at Paul's group created YouTube accounts that mimicked the behavior of 9-year-old American boys with a stated interest in video games. The researchers found that YouTube's recommendations system forwarded these accounts graphic videos of school shootings, tactical gun training videos and how-to instructions on making firearms fully automatic. One video featured an elementary school-age girl wielding a handgun; another showed a shooter using a .50 caliber gun to fire on a dummy head filled with life-like blood and brains. □



The YouTube app is seen on an iPad, March 20, 2018, in Baltimore.

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Mirra Andreeva defeats No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka to reach the French Open semifinals at age 17

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PARIS (AP) — Mirra Andreeva, an unseeded 17-year-old from Russia, surprised No. 2 seed Aryna Sabalenka 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-4 at the the French Open on Wednesday to become the youngest Grand Slam semifinalist since Martina Hingis at age 16 in 1997.

"I tried to play brave," the 38th-ranked Andreeva said. "And I managed to win."

She is also the youngest player to eliminate someone ranked No. 1 or 2 at Roland Garros since Monica Seles — like Hingis, now a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame — was 16 when she beat Steffi Graf in the 1990 final.

Andreeva has yet to win a tour-level title of any sort and is competing in only her fifth Slam tournament. Sabalenka, meanwhile, is a two-time champion at the Australian Open, including in January, and had won the first 23 Grand Slam sets she played in 2024 until dropping two in a row against Andreeva. Sabalenka was visited multiple times by a trainer and



Russia's Mirra Andreeva, right, celebrates winning her quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament against Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus, left, at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

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doctor on Wednesday and often clutched at her midsection, although it was not clear what was wrong. When she broke to end the match with a beautiful lob that Sabalenka didn't even move to try to get to, Andreeva broke into a wild smile, then covered her face with both hands. "Honestly, I was really ner-

vous before the match. I knew that she would have an advantage, especially with the crowd," said Andreeva, whose older sister, 19-year-old Erika, lost to Sabalenka in the first round last week. "But I actually was a little surprised, because you guys also cheered for me." On Thursday, Andreeva will face another newcomer to

this stage: 12th-seeded Jasmine Paolini, a 28-year-old from Italy, who reached her first major semifinal with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 victory over No. 4 seed Elena Rybakina, the Wimbledon champion two years ago. "It's an unbelievable feeling," said Paolini, who has won two titles in her career, neither on clay courts.

The other matchup Thursday involves two players who have far more experience and far greater accomplishments: No. 1 Iga Swiatek against No. 3 Coco Gauff. Swiatek is seeking her fifth Grand Slam title and fourth in Paris; Gauff won the U.S. Open last September and was the runner-up to Swiatek at Roland Garros in 2022. They both won quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Whoever wins that semifinal is likely to be a big favorite in the final against Andreeva or Paolini.

Had Sabalenka and Rybakina won Wednesday, this would have been only the second time in the professional era, which began in 1968, that the women seeded 1-4 all advanced to the semifinals. The other was way back in 1992, when Seles, Graf, Gabriela Sabatini and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario did it.

But Paolini and Andreeva put a stop to that.

Andreeva already had shown plenty of promise, making her way to the fourth round at Wimbledon last year and the Australian Open this year. □

Expanded College Football Playoff will begin with 1st-round game on Dec. 20 in prime time

By JOE REEDY
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The first year of the 12-team College Football Playoff will kick off with a first-round game on Dec. 20 and conclude with the title game one month later in Atlanta. The CFP announced its entire schedule on Wednesday. The four first-round games will be on Dec. 20 and 21. ABC and ESPN will televise games on Friday and Saturday night with an 8 p.m. EST kickoff, while TNT will have the Dec. 21 afternoon games at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. The afternoon games will go up against a pair of NFL games with Houston-Kansas City at 1 p.m. and Baltimore-Pitts-

burgh at 4:30 p.m. Mike Mulvihill, Fox president for insights and analytics, thinks there will be room to accommodate both audiences. Fox has the Ravens-Steelers game as it goes up against a CFP late afternoon matchups.

"I think it will be fine for the NFL and college football to coexist on that date. I think both events will rate just fine," he said.

The four first-round games, which will be played on college campuses, will be announced on Dec. 8. TNT has a pair of games through a sublicense with ESPN.

ESPN's \$7.8 billion deal with the CFP, which was an-

nounced in March, allowed it to sublicense games to other networks. Financial terms of the sublicense were not announced.

The quarterfinals, semifinals and championship will air on ESPN.

The top four conference champions will receive first-round byes. The quarterfinals will begin on Dec. 31 with the Fiesta Bowl at 7:30 p.m. New Year's Day will kickoff with the Peach Bowl at 1 p.m. followed by the Rose Bowl in its traditional 5 p.m. spot and the Sugar Bowl at 8:45 p.m.

The semifinals are the Orange Bowl on Jan. 9 and Cotton Bowl on Jan. 10. Both have 7:30 p.m. start

times before the championship game takes place on Jan. 20 in Atlanta.

ESPN will announce its schedule for most of the bowl games on Thursday. □



The College Football Playoff logo is shown on the field at AT&T Stadium before the Rose Bowl NCAA college football game between Notre Dame and Alabama in Arlington, Texas, Jan. 1, 2021.

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Ekblad, Reinhart, Draisaitl and Bennett were drafted together. They'll now play for the Cup together

By TIM REYNOLDS

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

(AP) — This seems so fitting. It was 10 years ago this month when Aaron Ekblad, Sam Reinhart, Leon Draisaitl and Sam Bennett were clearly the top four players entering the 2014 NHL Draft, though nobody knew what the order of their selection was going to be. They all went through the draft process together. Posing for photos together, some in Philadelphia Phillies jerseys the draft was in Philly that year and some in suits. They even dined together a few times.

And now, they're going to the Stanley Cup Final together. Game 1 is in Florida



Florida Panthers' Sam Bennett (9) gets past New York Rangers' Vincent Trocheck (16) and Mika Zibanejad, left, to score an empty-net goal during the third period of Game 5 in the Eastern Conference finals of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Thursday, May 30, 2024, in New York, N.Y.

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on Saturday night. For the first time in NHL history, the top four picks from one draft will all be on the ice in the same championship series. Ekblad, Reinhart and Bennett play for the Florida Panthers, Draisaitl plays for the Edmonton Oilers, and 10 years after starting their quests for the Cup together they're all playing for hockey's biggest prize.

"It's cool," Reinhart said. "We've got a couple of us in this room and Leon, I played a lot against him in junior. He's obviously transitioned into one of the most dangerous players in the game. It presents a great opportunity for us and a great challenge for us."

If nothing else, this final might provide a moment to offer much respect to the people who scouted that 2014 draft. They pretty much got it right. Ekblad went No. 1 to Florida, Reinhart No. 2 to Buffalo, Draisaitl No. 3 to Edmonton and Bennett No. 4 to Calgary. Draisaitl, Reinhart and Ekblad rank 1-2-3 in terms of games played from that draft class; Bennett is sixth, with David Pastrnak and Dylan Larkin holding down the No. 4 and No. 5 spots from that list. Draisaitl is a past MVP, Reinhart got more goals this season including playoffs than anyone in Florida history, Ekblad has been atop the Panthers' blueline charts for a decade and Bennett has found, by far, his best game since joining the Panthers in 2021.

They were expected to be great when they got picked. They've delivered. And in his first news conference after getting selected No. 1 overall in that draft, Ekblad lauded the three other players that he's always going to be linked to because of that night.

"It's a great experience," Ekblad said at that draft.

"I've got to thank the guys here that were drafted, Sam Reinhart, Sam Bennett, Draisaitl ... but they're all my great friends and I'm very proud of those guys, as well." □



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